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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Divisional of Application Serial No. 09/237,237 of Jean-Pierre BONICEL
entitled "CABLE HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY GASTIGHT METAL
TUBE RECEIVING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL CONDUCTOR AND A
HYDROGEN-ABSORBENT SUBSTANCE"
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Reference: Q75737



Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/237,237 (Confirmation No. 9472) filed January 26, 1999, of Jean-Pierre BONICEL entitled "CABLE HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY GASTIGHT METAL TUBE RECEIVING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL CONDUCTOR AND A HYDROGEN-ABSORBENT SUBSTANCE."

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings illustrating Figs. 1-3, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are: (1) a copy of the Assignment as previously recorded in the parent application on January 26, 1999, at Reel 9730/Frame 0968, and (2) an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Sang H. Nguyen in Group Art Unit 2877.

Please amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the first line on page 1:

--This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/237,237 filed January 26, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.



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Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	98 00 770	January 26, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Serial No. 09/237,237 on January 26, 1999.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows, **after entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment:**

Total claims	<u>7</u> - 20 = <u>0</u>	x \$18.00 = <u>0</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3 = <u>0</u>	x \$84.00 = <u>0</u>
Base Fee		\$750.00

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$750.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

This application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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